THE QUESTION

Did the early Christians baptize infants?

Asked by a THF member on May 21, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 7 numbered quotations · the 6 early Christian passages and 139 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Some did. Cyprian argued that infants should not be kept from baptism and grace, and that they receive forgiveness for the sin inherited from Adam. Irenaeus says Christ sanctified infants and all who are reborn to God. Tertullian, though, advised that delaying baptism was better, depending on a person's age and situation.

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Cyprian: do not keep infants from grace

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian argues from the greater to the lesser. If even great sinners who later believe are not kept from baptism and grace, we should be all the more careful not to keep a newborn away. He says every person is to be admitted to Christ's grace.

1 “Rather, absolutely every person is to be admitted to the grace of Christ.”

later in the same passage

“But again, if even the greatest sinners, and those who had sinned much against God, are granted remission of sins when they afterward believe, and nobody is kept from baptism and from grace, how much more should we shrink from keeping an infant away?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 5, page 5** Read it in the library ›

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No waiting for the eighth day

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Cyprian says the old law of fleshly circumcision should not hold back spiritual circumcision. Justin explains that circumcising children on the eighth day was a symbol of the true circumcision from sin through Christ. Read together, this is why Cyprian saw no need to wait as the old law did.

2 “For this reason, we think that no one should be kept from receiving grace by that law which was already established. Spiritual circumcision should not be held back by carnal circumcision.”

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3 “The command of circumcision, instructing them always to circumcise the children on the eighth day, was a symbol of the true circumcision.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *Dialogue with Trypho* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 1, page 5** Read it in the library ›

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Infants are forgiven a sin not their own

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Cyprian says a newborn has committed no sin of its own, but was born after Adam and shares in the old death. So in baptism it receives forgiveness more easily, for the sins forgiven are another's. Origen likewise notes that the prophets speak of sacrifice for sin even for newborns.

4 “For an infant, being newly born, has not sinned, except that, being born according to the flesh after Adam, he has contracted the contagion of the ancient death from his first birth.”

later in the same passage

“For this very reason, he comes more easily to receive the forgiveness of sins, since what are remitted to him are not his own sins, but the sins of another.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* **Source 5, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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5 “But the prophets, who have given some wise suggestions on the subject of things produced by generation, tell us that a sacrifice for sin was offered even for newborn infants, since they are not free from sin.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 50 **Source 4, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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Christ sanctified infants by becoming one

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Irenaeus says Christ came to save all who through Him are reborn to God, and he names infants first in that list. By passing through every age, Christ became an infant for infants and made them holy. He does not mention baptism here, but rebirth to God is closely linked to it.

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6 “He came to help all through Himself—all, I say, who through Him are reborn to God—including infants, children, boys, youths, and old men.”

later in the same passage

“He went through every age, becoming an infant for infants, thereby sanctifying them; a child for children, sanctifying those who are of this age and becoming an example of piety, righteousness, and submission; a youth for youths, exemplifying and sanctifying them for the Lord.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book II* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 2, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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Tertullian advised delaying baptism

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Tertullian warns that baptism should not be given carelessly. After noting cases where God plainly showed someone was ready, he concludes that delay is better, depending on a person's situation, character and even age. This shows that early writers did not all agree on timing.

7 “But those whose duty it is know that baptism should not be given carelessly.”

later in the same passage

“And so, according to each person's circumstances, disposition, and even age, delaying baptism is preferable.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Baptism* 18 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 3, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not show how widely infants were baptized in every church and region.
- They do not say what happens to infants who die before baptism.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 6 early Christian passages and 139 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–6, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 7–129, in Bible order), then 16 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *6 passages from 6 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 1*

1 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** "command of circumcision, again, bidding [them] always circumcise the children on the eighth day, was a type of the true circumcision, by which we are circumcised from deceit and iniquity… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 2*

2 *Against Heresies: Book II* **Quote 6, page 4** "He came to help all through Himself—all, I say, who through Him are reborn to God—including infants, children, boys, youths, and old men. He went through every age… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 3*

3 *On Baptism* 18 (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** "does the innocent period of life hasten to the remission of sins… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · source 4*

4 *Against Celsus* 50 **Quote 5, page 3** "the prophets, who have given some wise suggestions on the subject of things produced by generation, tell us that a sacrifice for sin was… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 5*

5 *Epistles* (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 2, 4, pages 2, 3** "again, if even to the greatest sinners, and to those who had sinned much against God, when they subsequently believed, remission of sins is granted — and nobody is hindered from… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 6*

6 *Apostolic Constitutions* "you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from serving as priest to me." Nor are those baptized by them truly initiated; rather, they are polluted, receiving not the… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *123 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

7 **Genesis 17:10** This is the covenant that you shall keep, between me and you, and between your seed after you throughout their generations: every male among you shall be circumcised. **read ›**

8 **Genesis 17:11** You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. **read ›**

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9 **Genesis 17:12** A child eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, both the servant born in the house and the one bought with money from any son of a foreigner who is not of your seed. **read ›**

10 **Genesis 17:13** The servant born in your house and the one bought with money shall surely be circumcised, and my covenant shall be on your flesh as an everlasting covenant. **read ›**

11 **Genesis 17:14** And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that person shall be utterly destroyed from his family, because he has broken my covenant." **read ›**

12 **Genesis 17:23** Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, all the servants born in his house, all those bought with money, and every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised their foreskins on that very day, as God had spoken to him. **read ›**

13 **Genesis 17:24** Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. **read ›**

14 **Genesis 17:25** And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. **read ›**

15 **Genesis 17:27** and all the men of his house, both the servants born in his house and those bought with money from foreign nations. **read ›**

16 **Genesis 21:4** And Abraham circumcised Isaac on the eighth day, as God had commanded him. **read ›**

17 **Genesis 34:15** Only on this condition will we become like you and dwell among you: if you also become as we are, by having every male among you circumcised. **read ›**

18 **Genesis 34:22** Only on this condition will the men become like us, so as to dwell with us and so be one people: if every male among us is circumcised, just as they also are circumcised. **read ›**

19 **Genesis 35:2** So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away from among you the foreign gods that are with you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. **read ›**

20 **Genesis 48:6** But the offspring that you father after them shall be under the name of their brothers; they shall be named within their brothers' inheritances. **read ›**

21 **Genesis 48:16** the angel who delivers me from all evils, bless these boys; and my name shall be called upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and may they grow into a great multitude on the earth." **read ›**

22 **Exodus 4:25** Then Zipporah took a stone and circumcised the foreskin of her son; and she fell at his feet and said, "The blood of the circumcision of my child has stopped." **read ›**

23 **Exodus 4:26** So he departed from him, because she had said, "The blood of the circumcision of my child has stopped." **read ›**

24 **Exodus 12:4** If those in the household are few, so that there are not enough for a lamb, he shall take with him his neighbor who lives near him; each one shall join in the count for the lamb, according to the number of persons and what is enough for him. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 12:44** And every household slave, or one bought with money—you shall circumcise him, and then he shall eat of it. **read ›**

26 **Exodus 12:48** And if a resident foreigner comes to you to keep the Passover to the Lord, you shall circumcise every male belonging to him, and then he shall come near to keep it; and he shall be like the native-born of the land. No uncircumcised person shall eat of it. **read ›**

27 **Leviticus 8:6** Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons near and washed them with water. **read ›**

28 **Leviticus 12:3** And on the eighth day she shall circumcise the flesh of his foreskin. **read ›**

29 **Leviticus 12:6** When the days of her purification are fulfilled, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest, at the door of the tabernacle of witness, a year-old unblemished lamb for a whole burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. **read ›**

30 **Leviticus 14:38** then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and the priest shall set the house apart seven days. **read ›**

31 **Leviticus 14:49** To purify the house he shall take two live clean birds, cedar wood, spun scarlet, and hyssop. **read ›**

32 **Leviticus 14:51** He shall take the cedar wood, the spun scarlet, the hyssop, and the live bird, and he shall dip it into the blood of the bird killed over running water, and with them he shall sprinkle the house seven times. **read ›**

33 **Leviticus 14:52** So he shall purify the house with the blood of the bird, with the running water, with the live bird, with the cedar wood, with the hyssop, and with the spun scarlet. **read ›**

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34 **Leviticus 16:24** He shall bathe his body in water in a holy place and put on his garment; then he shall go out and offer his whole burnt offering and the whole burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself, for his house, and for the people, as for the priests. **read ›**

35 **Leviticus 22:27** "A calf or a sheep or a goat, when it is born, shall be seven days under its mother; and from the eighth day and onward it shall be accepted for gifts, a burnt offering to the Lord. **read ›**

36 **Numbers 7:16** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

37 **Numbers 7:22** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

38 **Numbers 7:28** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

39 **Numbers 7:34** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

40 **Numbers 7:40** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

41 **Numbers 7:46** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

42 **Numbers 7:52** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

43 **Numbers 7:58** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

44 **Numbers 7:64** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

45 **Numbers 7:70** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

46 **Numbers 7:76** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

47 **Numbers 7:82** one male goat of the goats for a sin offering; **read ›**

48 **Numbers 14:18** 'The Lord is long-suffering, great in mercy, and true, taking away lawlessness and unrighteousness and sins; yet he will by no means acquit the guilty, repaying the sins of fathers upon children to the third and fourth generation.' **read ›**

49 **Numbers 19:18** And a man who is clean shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the house and on the furnishings and on the persons who are there, and on him who touched the human bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the tomb. **read ›**

50 **Numbers 31:23** everything that passes through fire shall be clean; yet it shall be purified with the water of purification. And whatever does not pass through fire shall pass through water. **read ›**

51 **Deuteronomy 1:39** And all the young children who do not know good or evil today—they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall inherit it." **read ›**

52 **Joshua 2:13** and keep alive my father's house—my mother, my brothers, all my household, and all that they have—and you shall rescue my life from death." **read ›**

53 **Joshua 5:4** And this is the way Jesus purified the children of Israel: all who had been born on the way, and all who were uncircumcised of those who had come out of Egypt— **read ›**

54 **Joshua 5:5** all these Jesus circumcised. For Israel had wandered forty-two years in the wilderness of Mabdaris. **read ›**

55 **2 Kings 5:14** So Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha; and his flesh returned like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. **read ›**

56 **Ezra 7:11** And this is the account of the decree which Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the book of the words of the commandments of the Lord and of his statutes for Israel: **read ›**

57 **Nehemiah 2:3** and I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the house of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate, and its gates have been devoured by fire?" (Septuagint 2 Esdras 12:3 (Nehemiah 2:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

58 **Nehemiah 2:11** So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 12:11 (Nehemiah 2:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

59 **Psalms 51:5** For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins my mother conceived me. (Septuagint Psalm 50:7 (Psalm 51:5 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

60 **Psalms 58:3** Sinners have been strangers from the womb; they have gone astray from the belly; they have spoken lies. (Septuagint Psalm 57:4 (Psalm 58:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

61 **Proverbs 5:23** Such a man dies with the untaught; he is cast out from the abundance of his own livelihood, and he has perished through foolishness. **read ›**

62 **Ecclesiastes 8:4** as a king who has power; and who will say to him, "What are you doing?" **read ›**

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63 **Isaiah 13:21** But wild beasts will rest there, and the houses will be filled with howling; and sirens will rest there, and demons will dance there, **read ›**

64 **Isaiah 15:3** Wrap yourselves in sackcloth in her squares, and lament on her rooftops and in her lanes; all of you, wail with weeping. **read ›**

65 **Isaiah 17:6** And it will be as if stubble were left in it, or like two or three olive berries on the very top, or as if four or five were left on their branches. Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel. **read ›**

66 **Jeremiah 8:3** for they chose death rather than life—and so for all the remnant who are left of that generation, in every place to which I drive them out. **read ›**

67 **Jeremiah 50:7** All who found them devoured them; their enemies said, “Let us not release them, because they sinned against the Lord: a pasture of righteousness to him who gathered their fathers.” (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:7 (Jeremiah 50:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

68 **Ezekiel 16:4** And as for your birth, on the day you were born you did not bind your breasts, and you were not washed in water, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. **read ›**

69 **Amos 3:13** Hear, O priests, and testify to the house of Jacob, says the Lord God Almighty. **read ›**

70 **Amos 5:13** Therefore the one who understands shall keep silent at that time, for it is a time of evils. **read ›**

71 **Micah 6:9** The voice of the Lord will be proclaimed to the city, and he will save those who fear his name. Hear, O tribe; and who will set the city in order? **read ›**

72 **Habakkuk 2:16** You also, drink your fill of dishonor instead of glory; be shaken, O heart, and quake; the cup of the right hand of the Lord has come round upon you, and dishonor has gathered upon your glory. **read ›**

73 **1 Esdras 7:11** and all the sons of the captivity together, for they were purified; for the Levites were all purified together. **read ›**

74 **1 Esdras 9:38** And the whole multitude gathered together in the open square before the gate of the temple toward the east, **read ›**

75 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:13** their offspring is cursed. For blessed is the barren woman who is undefiled, who has not known a bed of transgression; she will have fruit at the visitation of souls. **read ›**

76 **Wisdom of Solomon 5:13** so we also, as soon as we were born, ceased to be; we had no sign of virtue to show, but were consumed in our wickedness.” **read ›**

77 **Wisdom of Solomon 11:7** as a rebuke for the decree to kill infants, you gave them abundant water beyond hope, **read ›**

78 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:23** For whether they perform child-murdering rites, or secret mysteries, or frenzied festivals with strange customs, **read ›**

79 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:5** And when they had resolved to kill the infants of the holy ones, and one child had been cast out and saved, you took away the multitude of their children as a rebuke, and destroyed them all together in mighty water. **read ›**

80 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:9** For the holy children of good men offered sacrifice in secret, and in full agreement they established the divine law, that the holy ones would share alike in the same good things and dangers, the fathers already leading the songs of praise. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:5** The children of sinners become abominable children, and they live among the homes of the ungodly. **read ›**

82 **1 Maccabees 1:55** And they burned incense at the doors of the houses and in the squares. **read ›**

83 **1 Maccabees 1:61** and they hung the babies from their mothers’ necks, and plundered their houses, and put to death those who had circumcised them. **read ›**

84 **1 Maccabees 2:46** and they circumcised by force all the uncircumcised boys whom they found within the borders of Israel. **read ›**

85 **2 Maccabees 8:4** and to remember the lawless destruction of the innocent infants and the blasphemies committed against his name, and to show his hatred of evil. **read ›**

86 **2 Maccabees 14:36** So now, O holy Lord of all holiness, keep undefiled forever this house that has so recently been purified.” **read ›**

87 **3 Maccabees 1:20** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

88 **3 Maccabees 5:50** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

89 **3 Maccabees 6:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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90 **4 Maccabees 13:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
91 **4 Maccabees 15:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
92 **4 Maccabees 17:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
93 **4 Maccabees 18:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
94 **1 Enoch 15:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
95 **1 Enoch 22:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
96 **1 Enoch 90:34** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
97 **1 Enoch 106:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
98 **Matthew 3:6** They were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. **read ›**
99 **Matthew 18:2** Jesus called a little child to himself, and set him in the middle of them **read ›**
100 **Matthew 18:3** and said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you shall by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. **read ›**
101 **Matthew 18:5** Whoever receives one such little child in my name receives me, **read ›**
102 **Matthew 19:13** Then little children were brought to him that he should lay his hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. **read ›**
103 **Matthew 19:14** But Jesus said, “Allow the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to ones like these.” **read ›**
104 **Mark 1:4** John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. **read ›**
105 **Mark 1:5** All the country of Judea and the people of Jerusalem went out to him, and they were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. **read ›**
106 **Mark 10:13** They were bringing to him little children, that he should touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who were bringing them. **read ›**
107 **Luke 3:3** He came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for remission of sins, **read ›**
108 **Luke 18:15** They were also bringing their babies to him, that he might touch them. But when the disciples saw it, they rebuked those bringing the babies. **read ›**
109 **Luke 18:16** Jesus summoned them, saying, “Allow the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for God’s kingdom belongs to such as these. **read ›**
110 **Acts 2:38** Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **read ›**
111 **Acts 7:8** He gave him the covenant of circumcision. So Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. **read ›**
112 **Acts 11:8** But I said, ‘Not so, Lord, for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ **read ›**
113 **Acts 11:14** who will speak to you words by which you will be saved, you and all your house.’ **read ›**
114 **Acts 16:15** When she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.” So she persuaded us. **read ›**
115 **Acts 16:31** They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” **read ›**
116 **Acts 16:32** They spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house. **read ›**
117 **Acts 16:33** That same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds, and he and all his household were baptized at once. **read ›**
118 **Acts 16:34** He brought them up into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly with all his household, having believed in God. **read ›**
119 **Acts 18:8** Crispus, the synagogue ruler, believed in the Lord with his whole household. Many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized. **read ›**
120 **Acts 19:3** He said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” **read ›**
121 **Romans 6:3** Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **read ›**
122 **Romans 6:4** We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. **read ›**

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123 **1 Corinthians 1:16** I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. **read ›**

124 **1 Corinthians 10:2** and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; **read ›**

125 **2 Corinthians 4:4** in whom the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, so that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not shine on them. **read ›**

126 **Ephesians 4:5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **read ›**

127 **Titus 3:5** not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **read ›**

128 **1 Peter 3:21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now also saves us—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but the appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **read ›**

129 **1 John 3:9** Whoever is born of God does not commit sin, because his seed remains in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. **read ›**

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Leviticus 14:10

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Mark 10:14 · 16:16

Luke 6:30

John 3:5

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Romans 7:24 · 8:20

1 Corinthians 13:12

2 Corinthians 5:6

1 Timothy 5:22

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